

the fullness of all temporal and spiritual blessings ever be theirs.

DAYTON, OHIO

Our esteemed brother-in-the-faith, J. H. Hall, the celebrated song evangelist, of Virginia, came to our help on Saturday 15th and has been laboring mightily in song in each service since. The revival proper began Monday night, and while there have been no accessions to the church, the deepening of the work of grace in the hearts of His children God alone can measure. We are sowing pure gospel seed in hope; the harvest is sure and will come in the fulness of time. We ask for the prayers of the brotherhood for this work.

Tuesday evening, 17th, will long be pleasantly remembered by the writer and his household as a time of materializing of good wishes and good will on the part of many members of this congregation, who came in a crowd just before preaching and *pounded* our larder long and hard. When they left it had the appearance of an Egyptian granary in the time of Joseph. May their giving prove their own enriching temporarily and spiritually a thousand fold. They are rich in faith and good works and seem to realize that while man does not live by bread alone it at least takes bread to live.

The Elisha of the Brethren church, J. M. Bowman was with us one service.
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Notice

To the readers of the Evangelist.—It is known to many of you that for a number of years I have labored ardently in the work of finding a suitable place for colonizing, a place that I thought good enough to go to and where I would not hesitate to ask my friends to come. Of my thorough investigation of California you know. With me in this work, I have had associated some very practical men. Together we have been over the "Middle South," Arizona, California, Utah and Colorado and lately we have very carefully investigated the coast country of Texas. For years we have had our eyes on Central Washington where I spent some time in 1890 and where I had been the year before. I filled a temporary place in the Yakenia National bank of North Yakenia as bookkeeper in 1890. Thro these means and thro my friend and kin, Albert Saylor, who has lived there for nine years, I have had a rare opportunity to judge of the merits of that country.

I have contracted for an improved fruit and alfalfa farm at Sunnyside, in the Yakenia valley. Christ Rowland of Lanark, Ill., who was with me on the tour of investigation we have just completed, will buy a piece of land and proceed to put it out in alfalfa at once. Our esteemed brother, S. J. Harrison, who was with me in the California investigations will also plant a fruit and alfalfa farm as my neighbor and begin at once. Brother Harrison was fully determined to move with me to Washington this spring and thus while establishing for himself a home in this "land

of milk and honey," he would care for our spiritual interests. However at the last moment he felt a divine call had come to him to go at once to preach for our people at Falls City, Nebr., and he went that the fate of Jonah might await him if he refused. We therefore expect him to be with us next spring. We also expect an able minister and leader of the German Baptist Brethren to settle with us and hope thus to build up one of the strongest Dunkard settlements in the United States.

W. T. Shoemaker who has been in business at Spokane and Colfax, Wash. for over two years and who is in position to judge of the merits of the state in general and of the Sunnyside country in particular, is now moving over and will be the first one of our people on the ground.

I will be at the Annual Meeting, Naperville, Ill., next week and there arrangements will be completed to run an excursion the following week over the N. P. to Central Washington. Representatives of the road will be on the ground and the present rate war between the Canadian and the northern roads will enable you to go cheaper than ever before. Come and go with us.

H. M. LICHTY.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Three more added to the church since last report. One in Allentown and two in Philadelphia, one a minister from the Baptist church, a German, but preaches in both German and English. He has been convicted on trine immersion for some five years; for two years he could no longer preach single immersion. He saw my name in the Ledger Almanac, and after correspondence he came and was baptized. He seems to be a devout man. Will have more to say about him later. I am now preaching in our new church in Allentown. I go home over Sundays and send up Bro. Roberts and Bro. Cassel. Both are now ordained elders and I pray may prove valuable helps to the ministerial staff.

Will give you a fuller report next week.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Among the Churches

UNION SALEM

Had three interesting services over Sunday. Class is in very fair working order. A bright future is before us here. Need services more frequent. Every four weeks is too far apart. We have good, reliable brethren encouraging us. They appreciate one's services and are punctual in attendance. The late converts are found in their places and are working in the church and Sunday-school.

NAPPANEE

Had our spring love-feast. Rained and hence small attendance. Very enjoyable time. Brother Miller from Brighton was over and assisted us. He also preached in our pulpit Sunday eve. Brother Miller is a whole-souled Brethren minister and believes if we are to have a substantial ministry we must get them from our Sunday-school and

have them trained in our own college. He is right. Too much fluctuating in the ministry. We must have men thoroughly indoctrinated, preach our doctrine and live it. But I am digressing. Since our revival, work moves off with a fair active service from our new converts. One is teaching a class in Sunday-school, others are found in the prayer-meeting and church work. The class is in a prosperous condition and we expect great results from the Brethren church at Nappanee.

LA PAZ

This class is moving along as well as could be expected. Have had some draw backs, but nothing serious. They need encouraging and by a good, strong all-together pull, all will be well. Good opening here for work. Scores need salvation. Our Ministerial Institute meets here in June. Every minister should come. You will be kindly cared for and your presence here will add much to the work of the church. Come!

L. A. HAZLETT.

Nappanee, Ind.

Brethren Church of Allentown, Pa., Dedicated Sunday, May 10, 1898

Jacob Snyder, the contractor, has finished the new First Brethren Church on the west side of Fifth Street, between Allen and Tilghman, sufficiently to enable the structure to be dedicated on Sunday next. Services will be held at 10 A. M. on that day. From 3 to 4 P. M. there will be special song services and short addresses will be made by speakers from Allentown and Philadelphia. At 4 P. M., the dedicatory sermon will be preached by Elder I. D. Bowman, of Philadelphia. From 7 to 8 P. M. song, prayer and testimony services will be held at 8 o'clock there will be preaching.

Special music will be rendered at all the services by singers from Allentown and Philadelphia.

Elders Isaac D. Bowman and J. C. Cassel, of Philadelphia, will be present. Mission workers from the city will also be present. Among the number is Miss Vianna Detwiler, a candidate for the Foreign Missions, who has been engaged in mission work in Washington, D. C.

The ministers of the English and German Baptist Churches of Allentown are expected to be present part of the day and participate in the services.

Services will continue every night for several weeks, except Saturday nights. All Christians are invited to participate in the services.

The church is of brick, one-story high, with a gable roof, 32 by 50 feet in size. There is one main room for the auditorium and Sunday School and it seats 250 people. The lot on which the edifice stands was purchased from W. R. Lawfer for \$1000.

The edifice is for a new denomination in this city; it is the first and only church in the Tenth Ward and it is the first and only church of the denomination hereabouts. The nearest one to Allentown is in Philadelphia. This congregation was organized in Septem-